

STRIKERS USE VIOLENCE.

A NUMBER OF PERSONS HURT IN RIOTS AT WILKES-BARRE.

Two Attacks on Non-Union Men—Rioters Armed With Guns and Revolvers—Many Strikers Reported to be Dead—President Mitchell Thinks That the Strike Is Nearly Over.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 22.—The first riots of the coal strike in this city occurred to-day at the Empire washery. Coal Inspector John O'Hara, who has charge of the fifty men employed there, was warned yesterday to stay away from work, and on Saturday night he and his men were attacked and stoned by a crowd of women. Nevertheless he started for the washery this morning as usual.

Four hundred strikers armed with guns, clubs and stones lay in ambush along the road and a woman stood on watch. The fog was very thick. When she saw O'Hara the women thinking that he was leading the men, who had been told to stay away from work, and on Saturday night he and his men were attacked and stoned by a crowd of women. Nevertheless he started for the washery this morning as usual.

The United States, as regards the policy to be pursued in the Chinese Empire. For Europe the event is possibly as important as the defeat of Bryanism is to this country.

Other considerations that doubtless influenced foreign dealers in American securities were the reports that the strikers have last week

acted in the fact that London jobbers are short of many thousand shares of our stocks against which they have sold recently. It is understood that the practice of the London dealers who sell such options is to protect themselves to the extent of one-half of the amount of their commitments practically as soon as they make a contract.

Assuming that this has been done in the majority of cases, the obligations outstanding must be about fifty thousand shares of various stocks in this market early in the day.

They were probably about 25 per cent of the amount they had bought. The strength of the London market, together with the purchases just referred to, invited extensive realization by domestic holders that resulted in a somewhat irregular market during the afternoon, for the selling was simultaneous with the execution of a large volume of buying orders that had accumulated over Sunday.

About midday the market became almost uniformly strong. In the morning buying movement a demand for high-priced investments was apparent.

This influenced additional purchases of stocks that are generally regarded as having a speculative character.

The conspicuous leaders in the advance were Sugar Refining, American Tobacco, Brooklyn Barred Trunk, Manhattan Railway United States Rubber and Peoples' Gas. The last named declined sharply early in the day, but subsequently advanced 3½ points and retained the greater part of the improvement. There was no news bearing upon the value of any of the stocks named. The market for them was influenced entirely by sentiment, or by considerations which had been well known for a long time, but to which importance had not been attached owing to the previously sluggish character of the speculation.

In the late trading the course of prices was adversely affected by a sharp advance in the rates for call money to 6 per cent.

Comparatively little was done at the higher rate, but transactions at 4 and 5 per cent were not uncommon.

At the advance considerable amounts of money were attracted to the Stock Exchange, so that the market was at a standstill.

The rate was slightly above that of the previous day.

As the change became easier the market recovered so that the closing was firm and the greatest majority of the list showed net gains as compared with the final figures of Saturday.

Practically all of the stocks that can be described as active enjoyed gains of 1 per cent or more.

The total transactions were the largest made since the present movement began.

The bond market was also strong and active, the total transactions being nearly \$2,500,000 par value.

Some of the operators who have been active in the market are men who were not originally engaged in the business.

John Patsis, Michael Mallon and Michael Roscovitz are among the most prominent.

Others are located at their homes.

The company is hiring special officers to the scene and a large force will be on hand to be ready to meet any trouble.

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